

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 4. (canceled)

1 5. (new) An extruder for making a curved workpiece, the
2 extruder comprising:

3 an extruder frame including a counterbeam extending
4 transversely of an extrusion direction and formed with a recess
5 that is throughgoing in the direction;

6 a tool recessed in the recess and including a die having
7 a downstream face spaced upstream in the direction from a
8 downstream side of the counterbeam;

9 means for pressing a hot metal block against an upstream
10 face of the die and thereby extruding a strand in the direction
11 from the downstream face of the die; and

12 means immediately downstream of the die for applying a
13 transverse external force to the strand to bend it.

1 6. (new) The extruder defined in claim 5 wherein the
2 tool includes a pressure plate that extends completely through the
3 counterbeam in the extrusion direction.

1 7. (new) The extruder defined in claim 6 wherein the
2 die and press plate form a funnel-shaped outlet opening flaring in
3 the extrusion direction away from the downstream face of the die.

1 8. (new) The extruder defined in claim 6, further
2 comprising
3 cylinders braced between the pressure plate and the die
4 for pushing the die out of the pressure plate.